

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

6:00 PM, Ella Risk School, Lower Level

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Present were Sonia Rodrigues, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Anna Cano Morales. At 7:10 PM Stephanie Gonzalez joined the discussion and the meeting officially opened.

II. Pledge

III. Approval of personnel actions –appointments: Recalled, Madilyn Raftery; Resignation, SaletteAntunes Kenyon; New Hires, Jacqueline Miller, Holly Dupont, Ann Marie Gianetti, Kristin DeBalsi, Karen Acciardo, William Paone, and Tina Marses. Motion to approve personnel actions was made by Sonia Rodrigues, seconded by Ana-Cecilia Rosado. Motion carried. (4,0)

IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of October 9, 2012 and the work session meeting of October 23, 2012 – Motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings was made by Ana-Cecilia Rosado, seconded by Sonia Rodrigues. Motion carried. (4,0)

V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – None were presented

VI. Building Committee Update and Approval of bills for payment - Dr. Gallo reviewed the meeting of the Building Committee of November 8th and announced that the water fountains at the middle

and high school would be repaired or replaced with the remaining bond funds since the remaining funds would not support the larger project still held waiting for substantial funding support. Dr. Gallo brought forth for payment the recommendations of the committee to approve the bills of the Commissioning Agent and the Owner's Representative: Owner's Rep, ANC Consultants totaling \$375; and Commissioning Agent, Steven Turner totaling \$735. A motion to approve was made by Stephanie Gonzalez, seconded by Ana-Cecilia Rosado. Motion carried. (4,0)

VII. RIDE determined Focus School - Middle School Update – There was no presentation due to illness of the presenter

VIII. Superintendent Comments: Dr. Gallo first informed the Trustees of the recent i3 grant finalist position in which Central Falls stands to receive \$2.9M if we are able to raise a 15% match over the course of the three years of the grant. Our partner in this grant effort is David Caprio and all the members of Children's Friends and Service. Dr. Gallo then explained that raising grant money is a blessing and a curse since all monies received are figured into the per pupil expenditure which presents a problem when the state is looking to demonstrate a much reduced cost to educate students in Central Falls. A discussion about the funding formula and the cost to educate our children was held. During the discussion to trim our budget for FY14, the Trustees made it clear that they were not willing to compromise their mission and urged everyone to work with RIDE to secure more funding rather than accept a \$3M reduction. The Trustees urged frequent public forums and greater advocacy on the

part of the parents and community at large.

IX. Board Comments –The Trustees each expressed dismay that the Board vacancies remain open.

X. Public Comments- None

XI. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-Ms. Rodrigues moved to recess to Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation.(to discuss possible recommendations). Ms. Rosado seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (4,0)

XII. Adjournment: At 8:00 PM the Trustees returned from Executive Session. A motion to seal the minutes and adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (4, 0)